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Plot Review Exam

1. What type of literary term describes the opening scene of *The Lady Sings the Blues*?

1. Flashback
2. Simile
3. Metaphor
4. Irony

2.While in Baltimore, where is Billie employed?

1. Drugstore
2. Laundry
3. Brothel
4. Clothing Store

3. Why does Billie leave Baltimore and run to her mother’s residence?

1. She was sexually assaulted
2. She was bored
3. She needed the money
4. She missed her mommy

4. Did Billy become a dancer?

1. Yes
2. No

5. Who gives Billy a $50 tip?

1. Crew Aps
2. Louis McKay
3. Muddy Waters
4. Robert Johnson

6. Does Billy have a love interest in the gentleman that tipped her?

1. Yes
2. No

7. Who signs Billy as a soloist?

1. BB King
2. Muddy Waters
3. Etta James
4. Harry Hanley

8. Where does Billy tour?

1. Canada
2. The South
3. The North
4. Europe

9. What is the first horrible event that Billy witnesses while on tour?

1. a lynching
2. segregated schools
3. homeless women
4. crying children

10. What song does Billie compose that is based on this horrible event?

1. Tree of Green
2. Southern Charm
3. Sad Days
4. Strange Trees

11. What does Billy do to decrease the pain of the memory pertaining to this harsh experience?

12. Who supplies Billy with drugs?

13. When Louis comes to see Billie, what happens to Billie while on stage?

14. How does Louis have physical evidence that Billie has been doing drugs?

15. After the drug discovery, what does Billie promise Louis? What is her condition?

16. Why won’t the radio company allow Billie to sing?

17. Because Billie is upset that she cannot sing, she heads to a bar/club to drown her sorrows. While intoxicated, what does she ask for?

18. While intoxicated, what does Billie do when she does not get what she wants?

19. Why doesn’t Louis allow Billie to use the ladies’ room?

20. How does Louis react when he realizes that his suspicions of drug abuse are correct?

21. What does Billy do when she hears of the death of her mother?

22. What does Billy check herself into?

23. Who pays for Billy’s treatment?

24. What does Louis do at the clinic?

25. Just as things are looking up at the clinic, what happens?

26. What happens in prison?

27. What does Louis put on Billie’s finger? What is the significance of this event?

28. What does Billie tell her friends when she returns home?

29. Does Louis marry Billy?

30. Does Billie sing again? Explain.

31. Who is Billie’s manager?

32. What does Billie do to try to restore public confidence and regain her license?

33. Why does Louis leave for New York?

34. What does Billie ask the Piano man to do with her ring? Why?

35. What happened to the Piano man? Why?

36. When Louis returns, what good news does he have for Billie?

37. What is Billie’s state of mind when Louis returns? Explain. How does Louis react?

38. Is Billie successful at Carnegie Hall? Explain?

39. Does the Commission restore Billie’s license? Explain.

40. Does Billie reenter a life of drug abuse? Explain.